


AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				BPA NO.		1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE 1		OF PAGES 3	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 02			3. EFFECTIVE DATE 09-09-2005		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. 386-05-023			5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)			
6. ISSUED BY Regional Contracts Office USAID/New Delhi American Embassy, Shantipath Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021 (India) Tel: 91-11-24198796, Fax: 91-11-24198390			CODE		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Same as block 6			CODE			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) To all Offerors/Bidders						(X)		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. 386-05-023			
								9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 08-26-2005			
								10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.			
								10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE						FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.											
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)											
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.											
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.											
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).											
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:											
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)											
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.											
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) The purpose of this Amendment is to provide additional information and clarifications to questions raised by interested parties. Please see page 2 for clarifications & additional information.											
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.											
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)						16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Marcus A. Johnson, Jr. Regional Contracting Officer					
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)						15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY  (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED - 9 SEP 2005	

- Q.1) What is the size(s) of the grant(s) we would be auditing
India - annual size of grants up for review
Sri Lanka - annual size of grants up for review.

RESPONSE: Any Value is possible.

- 2) How many grants are involved?
Are they all funded by USAID?
Are there any other agencies involved?

RESPONSE: This Solicitation may result in more than one BPA, e.g. multiple firms hired to conduct financial review. During the course of a year USAID expects to require approximately 4 to 6 financial reviews. However the true number of contracts or grants for review will vary.

Secondly, yes they are all funded by USAID organization and firms.

Thirdly, no other US or non-US Agencies are involved.

- 3) As far as reviewing the system for internal controls are we
considering OMB Circular A-123

RESPONSE: Yes, the assessment will cover USAID/India's system for internal control as per OMB Circular-123.

- 4) Are we to use U.S. based accounting principals or International
based accounting principals?

RESPONSE: Both.

- 5) What is the period of time under review? Current or previous
Fiscal year

RESPONSE: Period under review will generally be the most recent fiscal or prior year of the contractor (firm) or recipient (NGO). In some instances, for the purposes of limited financial reviews the current fiscal year may be evaluated.

- 6) How many finance/recipients in India / Sri Lanka are there and
are each to be reviewed separately?

RESPONSE: USAID maintains a total portfolio currently valued at more than US\$200 million. Most of that is subject to US-based auditing. However a minority portion is with non-US firms and NGOs. Those organizations are the primary, though not exclusive focus of this Solicitation. As stated in response the question number two USAID has a limited (specific) view of the expected scale of the workload.

- 7) How many locations of USAID in India are to be reviewed?

RESPONSE: Generally in New Delhi and possibly scattered all over India and Sri Lanka will need to be visited for a financial review.

8) Would there be any consideration of going [U.S.-based] 8a on this RFP?

RESPONSE: No special consideration will be given. Given the unique specifics of this requirement non-US firms are eligible to propose.

9) Has this work been done before and is there an actual report available for review?

RESPONSE: Yes see link http://www.usaid.gov/in/working_withus/grant_opportunity.htm
Annexure 4 “reference sample document” of past report.

10) Do travel expenses need to be estimated in the proposal.

RESPONSE: Please Refer to A.6 TRAVEL on page 10 of the BPA RFQ. Government will reimburse Travel expenses at actuals subject to maximum USAID Per Diem rate as applicable for travel in foreign areas[refer US Department of State link <http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/prdm/>] All other direct costs and indirect cost rates stand separately.

11) Place of performance - Is it going to be in India and or Sri Lanka.

RESPONSE: Generally speaking mostly in India, some in Sri Lanka and on very rare occasions in the Maldives or other South Asia locations.

12) The grant amount to be audited and the audit/grant period.

RESPONSE: This is not for Audit (as per A-133). This is primarily for limited financial reviews of grants amounting to \$300,000 or below in a fiscal year.

13) Have there being any pre-award audits or interim audits done

RESPONSE: No, this is not an applicable question per se in the view of USAID.

14) The number of sub grantees to be reviewed.

RESPONSE: This will vary with each prime grantee or contractor and cannot be ascertained at this time.

15) Will travel cost from the US to the audit site be reimbursed?

RESPONSE: Yes, if applicable.

“NO MORE QUESTIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE/TIME.”